

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-27 canceled

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28. (original) A method of making a same potential block, comprising:

- (a) stamping a first metal piece from a first sheet of metal, said first metal piece including a first carrier strip and a plurality of first clips extending from said first carrier strip; and
- (b) inserting said plurality of first clips into a plurality of holes of a main body of the same potential block.

29. (original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

- (c) stamping a second metal piece from a second sheet of metal, said second metal piece including a second carrier strip, and a plurality of second clips extending from said second carrier strip;
- (d) inserting said plurality of second clips into said plurality of holes of said main body.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:

- (e) during step (b), positioning said first carrier strip within a hollow formed in said main body;
- (f) during step (d), positioning said second carrier strip within said hollow formed in said main body; and

(g) inserting a cap into said hollow of said main body, said cap having a plurality of holes aligning with said plurality of holes formed in said main body.

31. (original) The method of claim 30, wherein step (g) includes pressing portions of said first carrier strip against portions of said second carrier strip.

32. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
(h) attaching a pin to a ground shield wire of a cable;
(i) inserting the pin into one or said plurality of holes formed in said main body to create an electrical connection between said ground shield wire and said exterior contact portion.

33. (original) The method of claim 32, further comprising:
(j) removing the pin inserted in step (i) with an insertion and extraction tool.

34. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
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(h) physically attaching and electrically connecting said same potential block to a first connector.

35. (currently amended) A method of making a same potential block,
comprising:

(a) stamping a first metal piece from a first sheet of metal, said first metal piece including a first carrier strip and a plurality of first clips extending from said first carrier strip;

(b) inserting said plurality of first clips into a plurality of holes of a main body of the same potential block;

(c) stamping a second metal piece from a second sheet of metal, said second metal piece including a second carrier strip, and a plurality of second clips extending from said second carrier strip;

(d) inserting said plurality of second clips into said plurality of holes of said main body;

(e) during step (b), positioning said first carrier strip within a hollow formed in said main body;

(f) during step (d), positioning said second carrier strip within said hollow formed in said main body; and

(g) inserting a cap into said hollow of said main body, said cap having a plurality of holes aligning with said plurality of holes formed in said main body, wherein step (g) includes pressing portions of said first carrier strip against portions of said second carrier strip, and wherein the method further comprises:

(h) physically attaching and electrically connecting said same potential block to a first connector. ~~The method of claim 34, wherein~~

~~step (h) includes contacting the first connector with an exterior contact portion connected to said first carrier strip and, said exterior contact portion is located outside said main body.~~

36. (currently amended) A method of making a same potential block,

comprising:

(a) stamping a first metal piece from a first sheet of metal, said first metal piece including a first carrier strip and a plurality of first clips extending from said first carrier strip;

(b) inserting said plurality of first clips into a plurality of holes of a main body of the same potential block;

(c) stamping a second metal piece from a second sheet of metal, said second metal piece including a second carrier strip, and a plurality of second clips extending from said second carrier strip;

(d) inserting said plurality of second clips into said plurality of holes of said main body;

(e) during step (b), positioning said first carrier strip within a hollow formed in said main body;

(f) during step (d), positioning said second carrier strip within said hollow formed in said main body; and

(g) inserting a cap into said hollow of said main body, said cap having a plurality of holes aligning with said plurality of holes formed in said main body, The method of claim 30, wherein

step (g) includes ultrasonically welding said cap to said main body.

37. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein

step (c) includes bending said second carrier strip to form "U"-shaped projections extending from said second carrier strip.

38. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein

step (c) includes bending extensions extending from a side of said second carrier strip opposite a side from which said plurality of second clips extend, and wherein the method further comprises the step of pressing the extensions extending from a side of said second carrier strip against the first carrier strip.

39. (currently amended) A method of making a same potential block, comprising:

(a) stamping a first metal piece from a first sheet of metal, said first metal piece including a first carrier strip and a plurality of first clips extending from said first carrier strip;

(b) inserting said plurality of first clips into a plurality of holes of a main body of the same potential block;

(c) stamping a second metal piece from a second sheet of metal, said second metal piece including a second carrier strip, and a plurality of second clips extending from said second carrier strip; and

(d) inserting said plurality of second clips into said plurality of holes of said main body, wherein

step (c) includes bending extensions extending from a side of said second carrier strip opposite a side from which said plurality of second clips extend, and wherein the method further comprises the step of pressing the extensions extending from a side of

said second carrier strip against the first carrier strip and ~~The method of claim 38,~~
wherein step (c) includes bending the extensions into "S" or "Z" springs.

40. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising:

(h) attaching a pin to a signal wire of a cable;

(i) inserting the pin into one of said plurality of holes formed in said main body to create an electrical connection between said signal wire and said exterior contact portion.

41. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising:

(h) attaching a pin to a conducting power wire of a cable;

(i) inserting the pin into one of said plurality of holes formed in said main body to create an electrical connection between said conducting power wire and said exterior contact portion.



42. (currently amended) A method of making a same potential block,
comprising:

(a) stamping a first metal piece from a first sheet of metal, said first metal piece including a first carrier strip and a plurality of first clips extending from said first carrier strip;

(b) inserting said plurality of first clips into a plurality of holes of a main body of the same potential block;

(c) stamping a second metal piece from a second sheet of metal, said second metal piece including a second carrier strip, and a plurality of second clips extending from said second carrier strip;

(d) inserting said plurality of second clips into said plurality of holes of said main body;

(e) during step (b), positioning said first carrier strip within a hollow formed in said main body;

(f) during step (d), positioning said second carrier strip within said hollow formed in said main body; and

(g) inserting a cap into said hollow of said main body, said cap having a plurality of holes aligning with said plurality of holes formed in said main body, wherein

step (g) includes pressing portions of said first carrier strip against portions of said second carrier strip, and wherein the method further comprises:

(h) physically attaching and electrically connecting said same potential block to a first connector; and ~~The method of claim 34, further comprising:~~

(i) electrically connecting said same potential block to a second connector via at least one continuity spring extending from a contacting surface of the exterior contact portion.


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46. (currently amended) A method of making a same potential block,
comprising:

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(a) stamping a first metal piece from a first sheet of metal, said first metal piece including a first carrier strip and a plurality of first clips extending from said first carrier strip;

(b) inserting said plurality of first clips into a plurality of holes of a main body of the same potential block;

(c) stamping a second metal piece from a second sheet of metal, said second metal piece including a second carrier strip, and a plurality of second clips extending from said second carrier strip;

(d) inserting said plurality of second clips into said plurality of holes of said main body;

(e) during step (b), positioning said first carrier strip within a hollow formed in said main body;

(f) during step (d), positioning said second carrier strip within said hollow formed in said main body; and

(g) inserting a cap into said hollow of said main body, said cap having a plurality of holes aligning with said plurality of holes formed in said main body, wherein

step (g) includes pressing portions of said first carrier strip against portions of said second carrier strip, and

~~The same potential block of claim of claim 31,~~

~~wherein step (g) includes—pressing portions of said first carrier strip against portions of said second carrier strip by forcing said portions of said first and second carrier strips into wedge portions of said cap.~~